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**NEW TRAFFIC PATTERN SCHEDULED TO BEGIN NEXT WEEK AS WORK CONTINUES ON THE EDENS SPUR TOLLWAY (I-94) IMPROVEMENT PROJECT**

*All traffic shifting onto the eastbound side for reconstruction of the westbound lanes; traffic will remain reduced to one lane in both directions*

**DOWNERS GROVE, IL** – A traffic shift is scheduled next week on the Edens Spur Tollway (I-94) between Pfungsten Road and the Edens Expressway moving all traffic onto the newly reconstructed eastbound side of roadway to accommodate reconstruction of the westbound side. Traffic is expected to remain in this configuration through the fall.

Electronic message signs and construction signage will be put in place to alert drivers to scheduled lane closures, traffic patterns and work zone speed limits. Delays are expected.

Weather permitting, during the week of May 13, Edens Spur Tollway traffic in the eastbound direction will be shifted. Once that work is complete, traffic traveling in the westbound direction will also be shifted, providing for one lane of travel in both directions on the eastbound side of the Edens Spur.

In 2019, the Tollway is reconstructing the westbound lanes of the Edens Spur, between Pfungsten Road and the Edens Expressway. This work includes removing existing pavement and replacing it with new, full-depth asphalt pavement. Eight mainline bridges will be removed and replaced as part of this work.

The work is being coordinated with the Illinois Department of Transportation, Cook County and the Village of Northbrook, as well as local municipalities, fire and police departments.

The Edens Spur Improvement Project is removing and replacing all existing mainline pavement and replacing or repairing mainline bridges. Additional work includes replacing the Pfungsten Road Bridge, repairing the Waukegan Road Bridge over the Edens Spur, constructing the barrier separated median with stormwater improvements and upgrading ITS and roadway lighting. All work is scheduled to be complete in 2020.

Originally constructed in 1958, the Edens Spur consists of two lanes in each direction with 4-foot wide inside shoulders and 11-foot wide outside shoulders and an open grass median. Up to 57,000 vehicles use the Edens Spur daily.

These repairs are necessary to extend the life of the roadway and provide safe and convenient travel for Tollway customers. This work is part of the Tollway's 15-year, \$14 billion capital program, *Move Illinois: The Illinois Tollway Driving the Future*.

Maps and construction about the Edens Spur Tollway repairs are available on the Tollway's website at [illinoistollway.com](http://illinoistollway.com) via the Interactive Tollway Map and under "Projects Overview" in the Explore Projects section.

## **Work Zone Safety**

The Illinois Tollway is committed to ensuring the Edens Spur Tollway (I-94) and local roads remain safe for both drivers and workers during construction, which is part of the agency's overall commitment to roadway safety.

Work zone speed limits are in effect in all construction zones 24/7 and drivers should continue to watch for changing traffic patterns and use caution, especially when workers are present.

In addition, the Illinois Tollway reminds motorists that the "Move Over Law" requires motorists to change lanes or to slow down and proceed with caution when passing any vehicle on the side of the road with hazard lights activated. If you see flashing lights ahead, please move over or slow down.

Illinois State Police have zero tolerance for drivers speeding in work zones or failure to comply with the Move Over Law.

The minimum penalty for speeding in a work zone is \$375. Posted signs advise drivers of a \$10,000 fine and a 14-year jail sentence for hitting a roadway worker. Penalties for failure to slow down or move over for a vehicle on the shoulder with flashing lights includes up to a \$10,000 fine, 2-year suspension of driving privileges and jail time, in extreme cases.

### **Getting Tollway Construction Information**

The Illinois Tollway has a variety of ways customers can get the latest travel information, including:

- [Illinoistollway.com](http://Illinoistollway.com) – Explore Projects section, live roadway images and real-time roadway incident information.
- [Daily construction alerts](#) — Daily and long-term lane and shoulder closure schedules.
- [Twitter.com](http://Twitter.com) – Real-time roadway incident information at Tollway Trip 90, Tollway Trip 88, Tollway Trip 355, Tollway Trip 94/294 and Tollway Trip 390.

### **About Move Illinois**

The Illinois Tollway's 15-year, \$14 billion capital program, *Move Illinois: The Illinois Tollway Driving the Future*, is improving mobility, relieving congestion, reducing pollution, creating as many as 120,000 jobs and linking economies throughout the region. The first seven years of *Move Illinois* are on schedule and within budget, delivering the new Illinois Route 390 Tollway and a rebuilt and widened Jane Addams Memorial Tollway (I-90) with its new SmartRoad corridor, as well as opening a new interchange connecting the Tri-State Tollway (I-294) to I-57. Progress continues on projects addressing the remaining needs of the existing Tollway system, delivering the new I-490 Tollway Project and reconstruction of the Central Tri-State Tollway (I-294) and planning for emerging projects.

### **About the Illinois Tollway**

The Illinois Tollway is a user-fee system that receives no state or federal funds for maintenance and operations. The agency maintains and operates 294 miles of roadways in 12 counties in Northern Illinois, including the Reagan Memorial Tollway (I-88), the Veterans Memorial Tollway (I-355), the Jane Addams Memorial Tollway (I-90), the Tri-State Tollway (I-94/I-294/I-80) and the Illinois Route 390 Tollway.

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